

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Presider:** Let us bring our prayers and petitions before our good and upright God, who guides us in the ways of compassion and truth.

- ☉ That our Church continue to learn what it means to empty ourselves for the world, showing Christ to all who witness our lives, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That leaders of nations learn from the humble example of Christ to put the needs of their people ahead of their personal desires and ambitions, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ For young people who turn away or run away, that we might always welcome them with loving arms, supporting them in their questioning and in their need, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That those who are discerning their life's path find sure direction through prayer and attention to God's call, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☺ For a growing respect for all life from conception to grave, in our country and around the world, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That those who have died will experience God's abundant mercy, especially Gregory Klish, Sylvester Pliska and Marge Grubba, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**
- ☉ That God accepts the intentions of our baskets, Ed Kutella, Greg & Delphine Gilkay, The Living & Deceased Members of the Peskie/Kosloski Families, Rodney, Agnes, John & Kassi Zurawski, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the continued success of the Renovation projects and the needs of St. Joseph & St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;  
▶ **Just God, hear our prayer.**

*(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)*

**Presider:** Gracious God, your Son obediently poured out his very self for us in our sinfulness. Grant that we too may say yes to your will. Hear all these our prayers that we make in his name, who is our Lord for ever and ever.

**ALL:** AMEN!

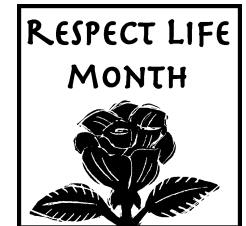
## ***TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

September 30-October 01, 2017

### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

†Ed Kutella  
†Greg & Delphine Gilkay

The Living & Deceased Members of  
the Peskie/Kosloski Families  
†Rodney, Agnes, John & Kassi Zurawski



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### ***PENITENTIAL RITE:***

We seek God's mercy and forgiveness.

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself and took the form  
of a slave:

Lord have mercy;

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who leads  
us to everlasting life:

Christ have mercy;

.....**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you will appear in glory at the end of time:

Lord have mercy;

.....**Lord, have mercy.**

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### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord: You say, “The Lord’s way is not fair!” Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#46, Gather - Psalm 103  
The Lord Is Kind And Merciful

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God; did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: “What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

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I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.